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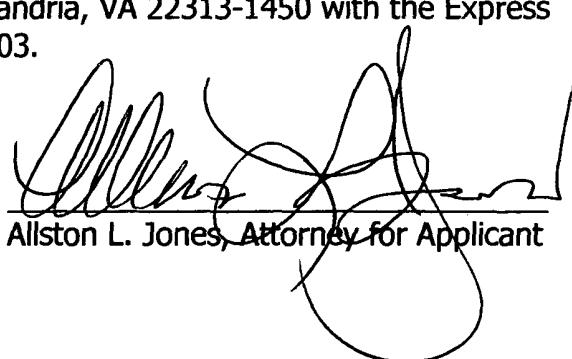
In re Application of: )  
MARK E. WILLIAMS )  
Serial No.: 10/023,144 ) AMENDMENT A AND  
Filed: Dec. 17, 2001 ) RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S  
 ) RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
 )

For: MAGNETIC LEVITATION STAGE APPARATUS AND METHOD

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The following is being submitted in response to the Examiner's Restriction

Requirement within one month of the mailing dated May 23, 2003.

In the Examiner's Action the Examiner stated that the claims were found to constitute four different inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-49 drawn to a magnetic levitation apparatus and method;
- Group II: Claims 50-58 drawn to a platen structure;
- Group III: Claims 59-65 drawn to a mirror system; and
- Group IV: Claims 66-70 drawn to a wafer lift.

The Applicant, with traverse, elects to proceed with Group I including claims 1-49 and add new claims 71-91. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement since all or the features of all of the original claims will have to be considered and the art searched for them.

The Applicant withdraws claims 50-70 from consideration and cancels those claims reserving the right to reintroduce some or all of those claims at a later date either in the present application or in one or more divisional application claiming priority from the present application.